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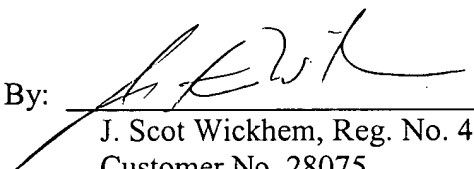
  
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Dear Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 with Thirty-four (34) cited references
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Dear Sir:

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No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent documents, non-published patent application, and non-patent literature listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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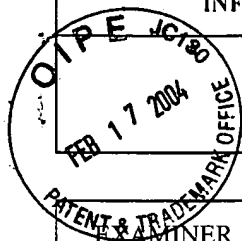
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